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Mr. William Kennard
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Kennard:

I write to you today in regards to the continuing problem which I, and many others in the Keene, New Hampshire area, have been experiencing.

Residents of Keene, for some time now, have been unable to receive the WCRB's signal on it's given frequency of 102.5 and have also been unable to receive it on the cable frequency of 96.5. We have since gotten our only classical music station back (WZID pulled the plug), thanks to the efforts of Congressman Charlie Bass, WCRB officials and the hard work of Mr. Andrew Stein of Keene.

I have, however, been informed by WZID that you are proposing a new, low power level of radio service called Microradio. This also will, according to Raymond Garon, Vice President of WZID FM, inevitably "jam up to 4,000 stations into the FM band nationwide" and will "lessen the "protection standards" we all abide by." He has also made note that 102.5 FM will be one of your Microradio frequencies! I request that you do not proceed with your proposed agenda. WCRB is a much loved classical music station in this area of Southwest New Hampshire and it is our only classical music station. Please note that as Keene is located in a valley, it is very difficult to rely on anything but cable reception to pick up many stations.

Please do not take this station from us! WCRB is unique to this area, as there are not many classical music stations left to us today. The airways are currently filled with talk-shows, rock and roll and country music. Let's also consider our children. How will they ever be able to experience and learn to appreciate the music of Mozart, Haydn, Vivaldi and Beethoven if you take this from us. Think strongly about this before taking action.

Sincerely,

Felicia Grayson

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Representative John E. Sununu



March 17, 1999

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Dear Ms. Grayson:

By now, you have noticed WZID's discontinuance of service on 102.3FM (Translator W272AX). After a series of experiments to determine the level of interference by our signal on WCRB's main 102.5FM signal, it is clear we will not be able to rectify the problem and satisfy all those who have expressed concern over these reception issues. These findings have resulted in our decision to suspend transmission until a new frequency is assigned by the FCC.

We have been quite aware of our responsibilities as a "secondary" service but needed to consider various options available to maintain our coverage and continue to please our Keene listeners. As New Hampshire's most listened to radio station our intentions were always to serve Keene with quality, New Hampshire oriented programming. We certainly never intended to interrupt your enjoyment of classical music on WCRB. For that faux pas, we are apologetic.

Allow me to add a serious, related sidebar to this letter. **YOU MUST BE ALERTED THAT YOUR ENJOYMENT OF WCRB WILL ONCE AGAIN BE DISRUPTED, BUT THIS TIME YOU WILL HAVE NO LEGAL RECOURSE TO THE FCC OR ANY LEGISLATIVE BODY!**

The current Chairman of the FCC, William Kennard, has proposed a new, low power level of radio service referred to as Microradio. This proposal will jam up to 4,000 stations into the FM band nationwide. At the risk of sounding technical the only way to fit these stations into the spectrum is to lessen the "protection standards" we all abide by. These standards are the only reason you can now receive WCRB. If Chairman Kennard gets his way you will be hearing the voice of a special interest group on 102.5FM and you will have no recourse because it will be legalized "primary" service. As you obviously value WCRB, I suggest you oppose this concept with the same vigor and tenacity that you displayed when our signal interfered with WCRB by contacting legislators and filing comments with the FCC immediately. I will be glad to supply you with additional information if you wish. If you do nothing now it is guaranteed you will have nothing later. Engineering studies show that 102.5FM will be one of the Microradio frequencies. Frankly, unless listeners like you act, the clock is ticking on your WCRB service.

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience we caused. Consequently, WZID is happy to return your FM band to the way it was.....For now.

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Garon
VP/GM, WZID FM
New Hampshire Assoc. of Broadcasters, Chairman